

Dear Friends,

As we once again embark on another great Michigan summer, and many of you take to the local lakes and streams, I wanted to send along some important information to you. For many years now I have fished all over the county with my children, from Mott Lake, to the Flint River, to Lake Fenton. I have many fond memories of early mornings fishing and stories of catching the "big one". As a lifelong hunter, fisher, and outdoorsman, I encourage all of you to practice proper fish management and to help preserve our natural habitats for all future generations. Please remember to clean your boats after each use so we can help prevent the spread of invasive species.

I hope you find this newsletter informative. I am honored to serve the citizens of the 27th District in the Michigan Senate. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



**John J. Gleason**

State Senator • 27th District

## FREE Fishing Guides Available

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources offers a variety of free fishing guides on its website, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). The guides contain helpful information such as dates and season information for various species of fish, license requirements and prices, boat registration information, and general hook and line regulations.



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# Genesee County 2010 Fishing Guide



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# Free Fishing Weekend

## June 12 and 13, 2010

Michigan Free Fishing Weekends are two special days when all fishing license fees will be waived for residents and out-of-state visitors alike on both inland and Great Lakes waters. All fishing regulations will still apply.

For many, the annual Free Fishing Weekend has become a tradition - a time to get together and have some fishing fun. I would like to encourage you to take a disabled person fishing to enjoy the pleasures of this wonderful sport.

## Pass on the Fishing Tradition

Experienced anglers who offer a child or young adult the chance to take their first fishing trip can provide a rewarding experience for all. People who fish tend to understand the natural aquatic network of plants and animals that help to sustain fish.

A day spent fishing can offer the opportunity for one generation to pass on their experience to a whole new generation of anglers.

Research shows that young people today do not have the same access to fishing opportunities that were once enjoyed. Some of the reasons include little or no time for unstructured leisure, an ever-increasing schedule of special activities, and living in areas where fishing access is not readily available.

Taking “time out” to fish can be a great way to offset some of the many challenges and stresses that we face today. Sometimes just getting away from the fast pace of life, even if just for a few hours, can provide a new perspective and a fresh outlook.

## Be Friends with Senator Gleason on Facebook

If you would like to add Senator Gleason as a friend, you will receive frequent updates regarding his activities in Lansing and in the district. Search for John Gleason on facebook.com in the Flint, MI network.

# Local Genesee County Hot Spots

For all fishing regulations and seasons please consult the Department of Natural Resources free fishing guide at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

Lake Name	Boat Access	Shore Access	Fish Species	Fish Stocking
Flint River (downstream from Holloway)	Yes (canoe launches at Holloway, Mott, and Flushing)	Limited	smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, white sucker, channel catfish	No
C.S. Mott Lake	Yes	Yes	bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	No
Holloway Reservoir	Yes	Yes	bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	No
Buell Lake	Yes	Yes + pier	bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike	No
Kelly Lake	No	Yes + pier	bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass	No
Hamilton Dam Impoundment	Yes	Limited	bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	No
Lake Fenton	Yes	Limited	bluegill, walleye, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	Alternate year walleye
Lake Ponemah	Yes	Limited	bluegill, walleye, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	Alternate year walleye
Lobdell Lake	Yes	Limited	bluegill, walleye, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	No
Kearsley Reservoir	No	Yes	bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, northern pike	No
Kearsley Creek	No	Limited	brown trout	Annual brown trout